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Gov. Beshear announces funding to improve safety and environment in northern Kentucky

Projects will enhance quality of life for citizens

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Gov. Steve Beshear today announced an investment of more than \$4.1 million in transportation-related projects in northern Kentucky. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds will be used to address safety and air quality issues in the area.

"These investments underscore my administration's emphasis on investing in local communities," said Gov. Beshear. "With these projects we are focusing on the health and safety of everyone who lives, works or does business in northern Kentucky."

The projects include:

Fort Wright Kyle's Lane realignment project

The \$1.9 million investment qualifies for CMAQ funds under the "Traffic Flow Improvements" category. The project will align the intersections of US 25 and Kyles Lane (KY 1072) and George Huser Drive. The improvements will combine the traffic signals that are currently located at Kyle's Lane and US 25 and Ashwood Circle and US 25 into one signal at US 25 and Kyle's Lane/George Huser Drive.

Dudley Road reconstruction project

The project is designed to improve air quality in the city of Edgewood with major improvements on Dudley Road, one of the city's main highways. The \$1.356 million investment includes the installation of a drainage system along the hillside of the road, widening the road, installation of streetlights to increase visibility, and the construction of a sidewalk and bicycle path.

Do Your Share for Cleaner Air

Since 1994, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments has managed the "Do Your Share for Cleaner Air" public information campaign to educate the public about potential consequences of pollution. It also suggests ways to improve air quality, including combining trips, riding the bus, carpooling, biking, and fueling up after 6 p.m. Ohio funds 85 percent of the program cost. Kentucky's share is \$47,294.

TANK Park and Ride – Turkeyfoot Road

The project will provide \$841,471 to build a "park and ride" on Turkeyfoot Road, near Independence, to serve an existing transit route. The project will provide commuters access to express transit service to downtown Cincinnati and will include 75 parking spaces, passenger waiting area, bus staging area, passenger shelters and route/schedule information. Bike parking, benches, trash receptacles, lighting, signage and landscaping will also be incorporated.

"These projects demonstrate that the Transportation Cabinet is involved with a lot more than just laying blacktop," said Transportation Secretary Joe Prather. "We are actively involved in Governor Beshear's commitment to the health and well-being of all Kentuckians."

The federal CMAQ program funds transportation projects that are designed to reduce congestion and improve air quality. More information is available at http://www.tea21.ky.gov.

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